

CLAIMS

1. A vehicle lamp comprising:

a lamp body for holding therein a light source;

5 a lens mounted on the front of said lamp body; and

10 a carbon-based heating element mounted within said lamp body, wherein heat rays radiated from said heating element irradiate a rear surface of said lens.

2. A vehicle lamp according to claim 1, further comprising a glass tube for sealing therein said carbon-based heating element.

15 3. A vehicle lamp according to claim 1, wherein said carbon-based heating element contains amorphous carbon and carbon powder dispersed in said amorphous carbon.

20 4. A vehicle lamp according to claim 3, wherein said carbon-based heating element further contains a metal or metalloid compound.